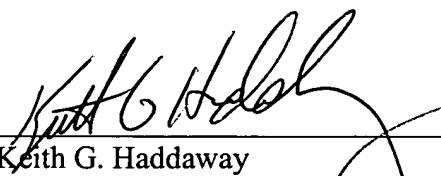


Remarks

This Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment sets forth the status of claims 1-18. It is respectfully submitted that the instant application is condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued, indicating that claims 1-18 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Should the Examiner believe that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of the application, Applicants request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned counsel, if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,



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